

## "THE MEDORA PRESIDENT!"

Roosevelt Thus Designates Himself to His Old Ranchmen Friends of North Dakota.

MEDORA, N. D., Nov. 30.—"The Medora President." This is the way in which Theodore Roosevelt has designated himself, and in his own handwriting. Consequently the citizens of this little town—population 35—the county seat and metropolis of Billings county, North Dakota, naturally feel proud, and are taking on airs at the expense of New York city, where the President was born, and Oyster Bay, where he has his legal residence. North Dakota, one of the youngest States of the Union, and Medora, a little frontier village scarcely twenty years old, have seen a former citizen elected to the Presidency of the United States.

Theodore Roosevelt was a man of about 25 years when he first came out to the Bad Lands of the Little Missouri. It was a rather wild country then, sparsely settled by cattlemen and hunters. The Northern Pacific railroad had just been put through a little farther west than this point. Little Missouri, just across the river of the same name, was a typical Western town. Roosevelt went into the cattle business, and had two ranches—the Elkhorn, about 25 miles down the river, and the Maltese Cross about 10 miles above. Here he led the usual life of the cattleman and cowboy, riding the range, going on the animal round-ups, helping to brand calves and colts, and to break the bounding broncho. It is told of him that he always "stood his hand" and played his part in everything that went on, never shirking work, however hard and disagreeable—and there were times when the life of the cowboy might very properly be termed "a dog's life." No matter what the weather, and there is sometimes very bad weather in this blizzard-bitten region, the cowboy must be in the saddle looking after the herds on the prairies or in the draws and coulees of the Bad Lands.

Then the Marquis de Mores, a French nobleman, since murdered by the Touaregs of Northern Africa, came out here and started the town of Medora, on the east bank of the Little Missouri. The town across the river passed out of existence. De Mores built a large beef-packing plant, and intended to ship dressed beef to the East, rather than on the hoof. There was some hitch in the matter, for the great plant was little more than put into operation when it was shut down and still stands a melancholy monument to business miscalculations. But Medora was a free town while the Marquis' money was being spent, and Theodore Roosevelt was one of the active figures of the section. He attended the dances in the town, made Fourth of July speeches, acted as deputy sheriff and arrested certain marauders, bought and sold cattle, hunted, and gained the material for those experiences so interestingly told in his "Hunting Trips of a Ranchman."

Returning to the East he entered public life and was in a measure weaned from the Bad Lands. But he returned occasionally, always receiving a warm welcome, his last visit being in the spring of 1903 when on his way to the Pacific coast. The ranchmen came in for miles around, there was a public reception in the Marquis de Mores' old storeroom, and a photographer took a picture of the President surrounded by his old friends, copies of which are to be seen in many a ranch along the Little Missouri.

That the President was popular with the people all over the West was most convincingly set forth by the recent election. That he had no stronger hold upon their affections anywhere than in Billings county, North Dakota, is told by the returns. Billings county is as large in area as some Eastern States, but is only sparsely settled. The total vote cast for President was 293, of which Theodore Roosevelt received 256 and Alton B. Parker 37. A majority of 219 in a vote of 293 is a pretty good showing.

Among the President's many friends here are two brothers, Sylvane and Joseph A. Ferris. Sylvane was Mr. Roosevelt's ranch foreman for some years, and has been his guest at the White House, while "Joe" was a hunting companion and was, I believe, present when the young ranchman killed his first buffalo. As soon as the returns got in after the late election, the brothers wired the result to the President. In response they received the following letter:

"Dear Joe and Sylvane—No telegram that I received pleased me more than yours and I thank you for it."

After sending his "warm regards" to their wives and families and to all his friends the President signed himself "Sincerely yours, Theodore Roosevelt (The Medora President)."

Consequently it is easy to understand why Medora plumes itself upon its added honors, and regards with proud unconcern the efforts of Sen-

ator Butte to have the county seat moved there and away from the town which gave a President to the United States.

### WILL WOMAN'S NATURE CHANGE WHEN SHE VOTES?

A recent editorial upon Woman Suffrage in the Pittsburg Gazette closes with this sentence:

"The only question is whether it is adapted to woman's nature to participate in politics, for no amount of education can make a woman more like a man than her grandmothers were."

The above sentence contains the sum total of the so-called arguments against woman suffrage, the only trouble being that one class of opponents tells us women should not vote because they would become like men if they did so, and the other class, like the writer of this editorial, that women should not vote because no amount of education could make them like the men.

It seems impossible for some people to conceive of anything but a man in politics. It is the very fact that women are different from men, and will always remain so, that they need the ballot and our government in turn needs them.

Women have no desire to become like men, nor vote like men, they want to be women and vote like women. Women being specially interested in the spiritual, moral and home side of life would look after these interests in our government.

Our commercial interests are already well looked after but good men are in despair over the moral side of our political life.

Women are specially interested and strong along the lines in which our government is weak. Combine the vote of the man and the woman and we have a complete whole. A government with men only to look after its interests is not complete any more than is a home with only men to look after it.

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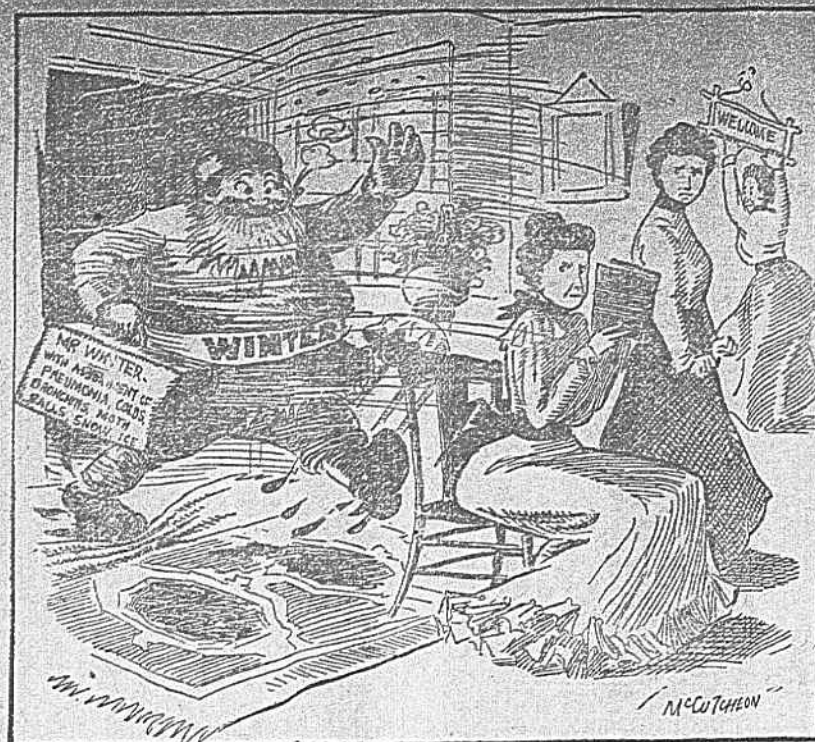
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### IT WILL BENEFIT MANY COLLEGES.

Final Decision of Supreme Court in the Fayerweather Will Case.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The case known as the Fayerweather will case was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States in favor of the colleges. The case involves a bequest of about \$2,500,000, made to 20 different colleges by the late Daniel G. Fayerweather, a leather merchant of New York, who died in 1890. The will was attacked by Mr. Fayerweather's widow and two nieces, fraud being charged. The case has been pending in the courts for many years and has been before the Supreme court on several occasions. The last decision on it was rendered by the Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, and was favorable to the colleges. The heirs then appealed to the Supreme Court, but to-day's opinion affirmed the finding of the Circuit Court. The opinion of the court was delivered by Justice Brewer, and held that the case had been previously adjudicated. The beneficiary colleges are Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Williams, Amherst, Wesleyan, Yale, Columbia, Union Theological, Hamilton, Roches-

ter, Cornell, Lafayette, Lincoln, Virginia, Hampton, Maryville, Marietta, Adelbert, Wabash and Park.

### BEST ZOO IN THE COUNTRY.

Annual Report of the Work of the Smithsonian Institution.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—The annual report of the work of the Smithsonian Institution, just submitted by Secretary S. P. Langley, deals more extensively than ever before with achievements of science. It treats at length of experiments with airships, electric furnaces and like inventions, and includes reports on the Darwinian theory, the exploration of Mount McKinley and the search for the North Pole. It is claimed for the growth of the National Zoo that it is now one of the most important zoological establishments in the world, and far superior to any American zoo, that in New York not excepted. The discussions of experiments and inventions are largely made up of papers on these subjects prepared by the leading scientists of the world, and forms a most valuable collection.

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No. 71.—Wheeling Accommodation..... 1:36 P. M.  
**EAST BOUND.**  
No. 8.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 3:25 A. M.  
No. 72.—Grafton Accom'n 10:53 A. M.  
No. 46.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 1:48 P. M.  
No. 4.—Grafton Accom'n 8:38 P. M.

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No. 51.—Connellsville Accom'n 2:10 P. M.  
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Cumberland Woman Gets Discouraged in Indiana.

LA PORTE, Ind., November 30.—After a married life of ten days, Mrs. O. B. Mohn, who was courted and won through the agency of a matrimonial paper, has left her husband and gone back to her home, in Cumberland, Md. She alleged that she was led into the marriage with O. B. Mohn, of Bluffton, this State, through misrepresentation, and that after the wedding Mohn did not have money enough to pay her railroad fare to Bluffton.

After arriving at Bluffton the wife became discouraged and planned to return East, but did not have enough money. The price of the fare was received in a letter yesterday, and the girl boarded the first train for Cumberland. Her husband did not know until he returned from work that his bride of a little over a week had left him.

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